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SUBJ: POVEDA TAKES FURTHER STEPS TOWARD REMOVAL OF VARGAS

REF: A) QUITO 5201 B) QUITO 5391

1. NAVAL CAPTAIN HUGO CARCES, SECRETARY GENERAL FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL AND CONFIDANT OF PRESIDENT POVEDA, SUMMONED NAVATT TO PRESIDENTIAL PALACE ON AFTERNOON OF JULY 29 TO INFORM HIM THAT SUPREME COUNCIL INTENDED TO REMOVE COL. RENE VARGAS, MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND COL. LUIS PINEIROS, MANAGER OF CEPE FROM THEIR POSITIONS DURING AUGUST. GARCES SAID THAT POVEDA HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER THOROUGHLY WITH THE OTHER TWO MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL (GENERAL GUILLERMO DURAN AND GENERAL LUIS LEORO) AND ALL THREE MEMBERS WERE IN ACCORD ON THE NECESSITY OF VARGAS AND PINEIROS' REMOVAL.

2. COMMENT: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS THAT SINCE THE AMBASSADOR'S LAST DISCUSSION WITH ADMIRAL POVEDA ON THIS SUBJECT (SEE REF A) HE HAS LINED UP THE SUPPORT OF GENERALS DURAN AND LEORO. POVEDA HAS ALSO ADDED COL. PINEIROS TO HIS LIST OF HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS SLATED FOR REMOVAL.

3. GIVEN SENSITIVITY OF INFORMATION AND SOURCE, THIS INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE PASSED TO TEXACO-GULF

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